

**Kalamazoo Public Library  
OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
PUBLIC HEARING ON BUDGET AND SPECIAL SESSION**

DATE: June 26, 2003  
TIME: 4:00 p.m.  
LOCATION: Central Library  
Board Room  
315 South Rose Street  
Kalamazoo, Mi 49007

**PRELIMINARY BUSINESS**

Roll Call: Trustees present: Donald Brown, Loren Dykstra, Lisa Godfrey, and James Vander Roest.  
Trustees absent: Robert Brown, Doreen Thomas, and Rand Johnson.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

President Brown called the Public Hearing on the proposed General Operating Fund Preliminary Budget for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2004 to order at 4:00 p.m. There were no public comments; the hearing was closed at 4:05 p.m.

**SPECIAL SESSION**

President Brown called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

**ACTION ITEM**

Resolution to Adopt the General Operating Fund Preliminary Budget for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2004 and Set the Millage Rate for 2003/2004

**Recommendation:** Mr. Amdursky recommended the board adopt a resolution to approve the General Operating Fund Preliminary Budget for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2004 and authorize that 3.9583 mills be levied for library operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2004.

**MOTION:** MR. VANDER ROEST MOVED AND MS. GODFREY SUPPORTED ADOPTION OF THE RESOLUTION AS RECOMMENDED.

**Discussion:** There was some discussion of the Supreme Court's recent decision to uphold the Children's Internet Protection Act that requires libraries to filter the Internet in order to receive USF funds and how that might impact the budget.

The decision also requires libraries to be able to offer unfiltered access for those adults who request it. Although the decision was so recent we don't have the answers to many questions yet, with our Citrix environment we believe we would have to have a staff member on duty during all open hours in order to offer un-filtered access on an individual basis, it is not possible to un-filter by zone at the server level.

Mr. Amdursky will try to contact a comparable library that already filters to find out what their experience has been, and will consult with the board's attorney about this issue once we have the actual rules from the Federal Communications Commission. In addition a report on the Internet Policy will be prepared for trustees for the July meeting. Other questions to be

addressed are what our options are under the FCC regulations including whether we can participate in USF if we choose not to filter now, if there is a choice regarding how to account for our wide area network (WAN), and are there viable alternatives to the fiber WAN?

For now, the current policy will remain in place, but we want to be sure we do not accept any federal money in violation of the law, so a board decision on whether or not to filter will need to be made soon. Mr. Amdursky will look for a date to add a board meeting if timing warrants it.

**Roll Call Vote:**



**Dr. Brown – yes; Mr. Dykstra – yes; Ms. Godfrey – yes; Mr. Vander Roest – yes.**

**Motion Carried 4-0.**

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Director Amdursky presented books to be added to the library's collection in honor of departing trustees Rand Johnson and Doreen Thomas. The book chosen for Dr. Johnson was *The West: An Illustrated History*, by Geoffrey C. Ward and the book chosen for Ms. Thomas was *Colors of Africa*, by Duncan Clarke.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Hearing no objections, President Brown adjourned the meeting of the Kalamazoo Public Library Board of Trustees at 4:30 p.m.

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Secretary